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Wait until California gets the annexation queue.

Legislators may fall out but the translations go on.

Bettors are asking odds on a return of the Zealandia this time.

"There's many a slip," should be the title of Egry's next etude.

Free beer and no disorder! "Everything quiet!" Have we reached the millennium at last?

The county-of-California conspiracy dies hard but it is going, just the same, to the roast from which no traveller returns.

Instead of sheltering bachelors the Hopper homestead becomes a Salvation Army rescue home. Quite a difference in both aims and ends, perhaps.

Lennon's luck is not of the best variety, but such magnificent nerve as he displayed will be well worth preserving, even if it must be kept on the reef.

The man who failed of license to practice despite legislative backing must feel his real error was in missing the band wagon when the others got in.

The poor old oligarchy is charged with having imported Asiatics to do the field work on these islands. As a matter of fact the labor treaties were made by the monarchy, and they constitute one of the few acts of the crown that have made Hawaii attractive to investors.

It is doubtful that the opening of beer and wine saloons on the waterfront or elsewhere will do anything to lessen the trade in swipes. Swipes is popular because it is cheap, and as the prices of beer and wine have not been reduced, those beverages can hardly expect to displace the one of which people can buy so much for so little.

JUDAS FRIENDS.

The thing that must strike the average Hawaiian as most peculiar in local affairs is the difference between preaching and practice in the politics of their alleged friends, the white machine politicians. Scarcely was the election over and Wilcox a Delegate when these very people started a conspiracy to remove him. It was not a "missionary" or oligarchical outfit that went to Washington to make grave charges against the Hawaiian leader—it was the Earnest Patriots who have been pretending to love the political Hawaiian as he was never loved before. The "missionaries" on their side urged that Wilcox be let alone; it was the anti-missionaries that left no stone unturned to crush him.

The most amazing piece of hypocrisy, though, is that to annex Hawaii to California in the form of counties. The prime movers are the same people, with Humphreys at their head, who tried to unseat Wilcox while giving the Hawaiians the Judas Kiss. It does not appear that they consulted a single Hawaiian; instead of that they went ahead by themselves and sought, by hook and by crook, to get ropes out to California before the natives could catch them at it. What would have been the political effect of success is easily to be seen. So far as the Hawaiians are concerned they would have lost their Delegate and their Territorial offices; white men of the Earnest Patriot type would have come here in swarms to exploit them; their identity would have been lost in the mass of 300,000 California voters; their schools would have passed under control of a California State Superintendent; they would have had little or nothing left except county and city government and as, at the present rate of growth in the white vote and decrease in the native vote, the time must soon come for them to be in a minority, even those meager opportunities for public place might yet have been wrested from them. We cannot imagine a worse plight for the Hawaiians than the annexation which Humphreys went to the Coast to work for and which his paper is urging with its dying breath.

But that is always the way with the carpet-bag politicians who pretend to love and lead the dark races. The object of such people is to betray and ruin; fortunately in the present case the Hawaiians will be protected by a phalanx which the marauding braves of politics cannot pierce.

VISITORS AND CELEBRATIONS.

The arrival of the transport, Hancock en route to Manila, having among the passengers aboard such distinguished men as Adjutant General Corbin, Chairman of the House Naval Committee Foss, Senator Dietrich of Nebraska, and others, should furnish a reason for a celebration of the glorious Fourth quite out of the ordinary. That there will be no speechmaking perhaps is no serious drawback to a perfect enjoyment of the day. With the cruiser Philadelphia ready to add the thunder of Naval guns to the roll of land salutes, the noise element is assured; and with the number of officials now in the city the gold lace will be up to the average.

An unusual opportunity may be afforded the Territorial militia in that, with General Corbin present, a review may be arranged, and a band might be secured to take the place of Berger's music-makers for the occasion. General Corbin is the best judge of troops perhaps in the United States, and what could be shown him here undoubtedly would secure his commendation, which would be a prize indeed.

The boat races would furnish double entertainment for the Naval investigation contingent, for that Chairman Foss will want to spend much of his time at the site for the future Naval Station is natural. Honolulu hospitality may be depended upon to show its best side to the distinguished guests, and even without a set program the oft-proven Americanism of the people will make the night one remarkable for aerial displays and the noises of mimic war from a hundred centers.

GOVERNOR DOLE.

The tribute paid to Governor Dole by the Boston Transcript shows that even so eager and relentless a critic as that paper was in the days of '93 has the courage to change its mind upon a further examination of the facts. The Transcript now puts Governor Dole in his proper place as a true and earnest friend of Hawaii, and estimates, at their right value, those influences which are being used against him.

It is especially gratifying to note that the Transcript correctly reports the views of Governor Dole upon the Hawaiian land question and the rights and opportunities of the small proprietor. There has been much misrepresentation under this head, latterly by Delegate Wilcox, who walks among the parts of speech with an utterly careless tread while under the influence of his political emotions. Mr. Wilcox probably knows as well as any other man in or of Hawaii that Mr. Dole has always fought the idea of surrendering the whole public domain to the plantations or any part of it on ninety-nine-year leases. But what Wilcox knows and what he says are facts that often show a yawning divergence.

But how all this must perturb the uneasy ghost of the Transcript's former correspondent in Hawaii, Capt. Julius A. Palmer. As his dapper little shade revisits the glimpses of the moon, we can imagine, between his genuflections to Hawaiian ex-Royalty, the apparition of a clenched fist shaken towards the distant East where the editor of the Transcript, grown in grace and knowledge, burns the midnight oil.

COMMERCE WITH JAPAN.

Kogoro Takahira, the Japanese Minister to the United States, has the following interesting message from the Yankess of the East to the Yankess of the West in Collier's Weekly:

"Japan feels very near to the United States. This feeling of friendliness began with the visit of Commodore Perry to our shores, which let in a great flood of new light from the west, and it has increased as American ingenuity has shortened the distance, measured in hours of travel, between the two countries. It has also been very greatly increased and deepened, I am sure, by the association of the armies of the empire and of the republic in the movement to safeguard the highest interests of civilization in the east. This association revealed, in a striking way, the fact that the United States are now an eastern power, and that the interests of America are very closely related to those of Japan. It was the beginning, I believe, of a new impulse in the development of a far greater trade in the Pacific and of warmer feelings of friendship.

"Japan especially welcomes this prospect. I do not believe that any country has shown a more earnest desire for the improvement of commercial relations with other countries than has Japan. While we have shown this desire with respect to all countries alike we have been particularly anxious to better our relations with the United States. Japan feels more and more convinced that, for trade, she must eventually look to the shores of the Pacific, and that the greatest of waters must be dominated in the near future by the merchant vessels of the empire and of the United States.

"We have witnessed, without envy or jealousy, the swift growth of our young rival across the Pacific. We felt that it was to be for all time a rivalry of friends, an affable and good-natured competition for trade. There is room enough for both countries to exploit themselves. There is trade enough for both; and, while there must inevitably be sharp competition in certain fields of commerce, the presence and labors of each will aid the other. If America develops the Philippines and Hawaii, Japan will be benefited to a large extent. If Japan, on the other hand, more extensively opens up Formosa and other parts of the empire to trade, the United States must reap their share of the harvest. Both, it is clear, must benefit by the development of China, for which both are now striving.

"Again, Japan has a population of about 45,000,000, with manifold needs. America can supply them. The United States have a still larger population, with many needs that Japan can, perhaps, supply. Each country, therefore, offers to the other an extensive field for trade development. We have much that we can sell to America; you have much that we want to buy. It is for these reasons that we have been able to watch without feelings of envy or jealousy the marvelous growth of your country. We have felt, also, that Japan is a young nation, that the transformation accomplished within the last few years has given us a new birth among the peoples of the world. We start fairly with the United States, then, in this friendly rivalry for the trade of the Pacific.

"The Japanese are greatly in favor of American products and ideas. We want the latest mechanical devices, the most advanced theories and principles of industry and manufacture, and we feel that we can get them from America. This was not true a few years ago, when the United States were not so far advanced as they are today, and Japan looked mainly to Europe for western ideas and western trade. We have now begun to look across the Pacific.

"The United States have recently taken important steps toward the development of commerce in the Pacific. I refer principally to the acquisition of Hawaii and the Philippines. The conduct of the Americans in China and the general attitude of the American Government and people will also, no doubt, have fruitful results when the Chinese empire is finally opened to the commerce and trade of the world. But the result in the Philippines and in Hawaii will, of course, be seen sooner and will be felt more directly.

"We are looking, however, beyond such restricted trade areas as Hawaii and the Philippine Islands. We are anxious to encourage the natural development of commerce between Japan and the home territory of the United States. This commerce, as I have said, has practically just commenced. It is yet in its infancy. But we may infer something as to the size of the future trade between the two countries from the rapidity of its early growth and its already considerable proportions.

"Japan, like England, must always be a country of large importations. In this respect, the United States have a tremendous advantage over us. You will be able to sell us more than you will buy of us. But be it so, Japan wants to buy in the cheapest and best markets. We should like to purchase as largely as possible of the United States."

PAY HONORS TO MEMORY

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In accordance with a resolution, the Bar Association attended the funeral practically in a body.

ALWAYS SEEKING JUSTICE.

How a Chinese Was Turned Loose After False Conviction.

Many years ago, when Paul Neumann was Attorney General, I was living in Wailuku, Maui. A case of a Chinaman convicted of having opium in possession was brought to my attention. My informant assured me that it was a very sad case in that firstly, the man was not guilty, and that he had a family of several little children dependent on him. My informant told me that it was a mistake on the part of the government, and that the party for whom the opium was intended was still living there. I made diligent inquiries into the matter and found that a case of opium had come to Kahului, been opened by the authorities, and after being nailed up, was forwarded by train to Wailuku. No one called for it at the depot, as the consignee was aware that it had been examined and was probably being watched. An expressman took it on his wagon to Ah Sam's house, and calling him, said, "here is a case for you." When Ah Sam took hold of it he was immediately arrested by an officer. In the trial at the police court Ah Sam was convicted. On appeal to the jury he was again convicted, notwithstanding he was defended by the best counsel to be had, who was employed by the Chinese of the town who knew of the mistake. He was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, and was serving his time at the time when I was informed of the particulars.

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Maui's Industries.

There are many industries lying dormant on Maui, waiting for the right man to come along and develop them. To illustrate, take for instance the pineapple industry. There are thousands of acres on Maui which would produce sweet, juicy, succulent pineapples which could be canned for the world's market. If a cannery were established on Maui to handle pineapples many would cultivate them to sell to the cannery. By and by this identical thing will happen.—Maui News.

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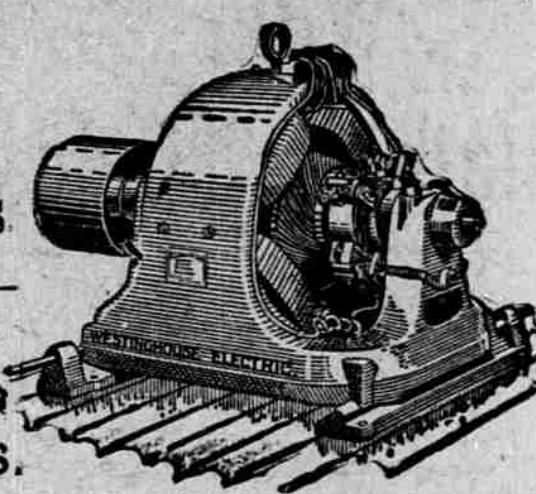
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